

IDAHO WOMEN'S COMMISSION

SPRING MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2005 BOISE, IDAHO

**Department of Finance Conference Room
State Capitol
Room 120**

- 9:00 am – 9:30 am: Coffee and Juice with Commissioners
In attendance – Fran Dingel, Linda Hurlbutt, Farhana Hibbert,
Shirley Kaiyou, Jeanne Wride, Kitty Kunz
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am: Commission Business Meeting
Minutes from the 10/25/06 meeting were reviewed and approved.

We then looked at the budget situation. Kitty Kunz and Connie Smith collected the information necessary for our audit and we passed with no recommendations for change. We still have our personnel funds untouched because we have not been able to solve the problem of how to pay Kitty Kunz for her work as the interim director. We had hoped that the Governor would make an appointment of the director by now. It was discussed and decided to proceed with the effort to try and pay Kitty Kunz for her work as the director. If an appointment had been made we would be using the funds. A vote was taken and Kitty Kunz abstained to pay her for the interim director position. She and Fran Dingel will continue to pursue the options available. Kitty has extended a lot of time to see that the commission continues to operate and function in an effective manner.

We did not receive the Idaho Fund grant that we applied for. We will look for more grants to apply for and try to find another source of funds to help publish our book.

Kitty Kunz has kept our web-site up to date and our hits to the site continue to increase every month. She reported that she had someone email us that we have a great user-friendly web-site. We will not order business cards until we have a new director. Some of the new commissioner's have not received any cards yet.

Kitty Kunz is watching legislation and will let us know if there is any of interest. We looked over our agency profile and did not see any changes at this time.

Shirley Kaiyou asked that we elect a new secretary. She is having health problems and would like to be replaced. Farhana Hibbert nominated Jeanne Wride for the secretary position. Linda Hurlbutt seconded the motion. Jeanne was then elected by acclamation.

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break

10:45 am - 11:45 am: Patricia Kempthorne updated us on the legislation for The Governor's Office for Families and Children. They have printed the legislation and it is in committee. They hope for a hearing in the near future. She told us about a federal Access to Recovery grant that can be applied for that may help the women at the prison. She also thought that we might wish to check into working with the women's prison with pre-release and work opportunities for the women.

Patricia told us that Melinda Mobley is planning her women's conference for November 9th-10th at the Hailey High School.

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm: Lunch at Louie's Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 620 W. Idaho. We had 15 women legislator's attended. We honored Representative Maxine Bell for her service as a women legislator.

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm: We reviewed our Strategic Plan for the upcoming year. We made a few suggestions that the director can use to update the plan in June.

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm: Luci Willits from the State Board of Education spoke to us about the rule to add more math and science to the high school curriculum. She pointed out to us that many districts in Idaho already require the additional classes. Many states are looking at the changes and she presented a very informative presentation.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Farhana Hibbert informed us of the Mujeres Unidas de Idaho conference in Pocatello, July 21-22, 2006. She has partnered with them to present this conference and would like those of us that can to attend and help.

We discussed the update of our book and the possible translation to Spanish. Farhana Hibbert told us that it would probably run us around \$3,600 just to translate the book. We will check with the Hispanic Commission to see if they can get us a better price. We will pass out the book to the state agencies and try to get their input to update our book and not worry about sending out as many parts to the book. We have not had a very good return of the pages and

suggestions in the past. This should speed up the process and still keep the book accurate.

We have a request for a bookcase and books from the women's prison in Boise again. We feel we have enough funds to help them out again and will have Kitty Kunz purchase the bookcase and books.

We decided that we should join the National Association of Commissions for Women. There is not a large fee to join and it will help us connect with other states and commissions.

We adjourned and plan to meet again in October unless a special meeting is needed.